

Akala - Welcome to Dystopia Lyrics

Artist: Akala Album: DoubleThink Genre: Hip Hop/Rap

Conform x15
It's bigger than your local colloquium
In a world that is dystopian
Kid's aren't born in fallopians

They're grown in tubes and inserted growth in them But this ain't the type of pollution we place in the ocean

It's apathy, stench we can't quench

Don't matter who inhabits the bench

Or wig or gown, hammer or crown, oval or down

Jokes on us, we're not even frowning

Smiling villany, the wickedest tyranny

Is the one that says fuck you so nice

You say thanks, and shake hands

Say he's your man, forget all your plans

Reach your hand out you see your in bondage

The idea of beauty is blondeness and other such nonsense

What our response is?

Conform and amputate conscience

Conform. Obey

Transform. Sleep easy

Ah, that good old human conditioning

Ever since days of the pyramids

Make us invalid, which means invalid

Wrestle with things we can't manage

Like peace and equality

Which minority is the authority?

Whoever has property, it's all idolatry

Even if you have no image of God, do you follow me?

Do we not all worship money?

When you think about it it's quite funny

Can't eat money, can't breathe money

Can't inject it and kill disease money

But we pray at it all till we're guns and tanks

And offer the money god a million sacraficial lambs

Who's the priest in charge of sacraficial plans?

Let us pray and hold hands

War is peace - ignorance strength - freedom is slavery x3

Not only do we believe that creed

We hold it deep and praise it as bravery

Along with the vision and difference

So we can maintain the belligerence

To their pain, feel no shame

It's all just stages in a video game

That our kids play kill, kill, kill

Death is such a thrill, thrill, thrill Swallow junk, still feel ill Take blue pill, pill, pill Sometimes I feel like I'm losing my mind I do beliee our nature's kind Just confused and we're so far gone Got no clue how to right these wrongs So we bury our head in the sand or the desk Anywhere but inside of our flesh If I looked at my self - I would see I am the enemy I am not honest nor kind nor caring nor sharing Or any of the many thing that I pretend to be I'm selfish and arrogant, and obedient Follow truth only when it's convenient Accept laws that I know that decieve me So I can sleep in my bed easy Don't blame governments, they are just us If they are corrupt, then we are corrupt Look back through history What makes you think that we would act differently? If we were in power We would devourer whoever the underclass were like cowards The question is, is this inevitable? Is there good or evil? Some say it's overspill from days when we were tribal I don't buy that I think you will find that That's an excuse if we just don't buy facts Everything we really need to survive actually makes us feel good inside Sex feels good, food feels good Damn, even taking a pill feels good! So if war and hate were our natural causes

Why would we need conditioning for it?

But I ain't gonna forfeit my privilliges

Now I'll get back in line and follow my orders

Akala - Faceless People Lyrics

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The faceless people (x4)

[Hook:]

We are the faceless people you don't ever see We are the faceless people you don't wanna be We are the faceless people you don't ever see We are the faceless people, people

[Verse 1:]

As the world turns, so does my head
I need a little leg just to butter my bread
Gets a little bitter but I've gotta get fed
Never been a quitter so I've gotta get ahead
I am the invisible man, you can't be me
I am the invisible man, you can't see me
I am the invisible man but I'm 3D
Come and meet me, Mr. Invisible

[Bridge:]

We are the faceless
We are the faithfuless
Here today, tomorrow we're gone
But nothing is wrong
It's the same song, we're invisible
Nothing can change us
Or rearrange us
We come and we go but nobody knows
And nobody shows
We ain't nobody, we're invisible
We are the faceless people, people
We are the faceless people, people

[Hook:]

We are the faceless people you don't ever see We are the faceless people you don't wanna be We are the faceless people you don't ever see We are the faceless people you don't wanna be

[Verse 2:]

As the world turns, so does my head
I need a little leg just to butter my bread
It's a little bitter but I've gotta get fed
And I've never been a quitter so I've gotta get ahead
I'm your worst teacher

Your favorite student
Frivolous spender, your saving is foolish
Lads on a bender, come on let's do this
I'm the pretender but I speak trueness

[Bridge:]

[Verse 3:]

Can't you see what is happening to us here
We are tearing apart tryna keep it near
Can't you see what's happening to us here, my dear...
I don't wanna wake up feeling like a wasteaway
I'm gonna save it for another rainy day
I wanna raise these stakes in the game I play
But I can feel it all slipping out my way
Because I am the invisible man, you can't see me
Being the invisible man is not easy
I am the invisible man but I'm 3D
Can't beat me, Mr. Invisible

[Bridge:]

Akala - I Don't Need Lyrics

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yo listen

okay.

I don't need for you to have long blonde weave down to your knees,
I don't need for you to have the latest boo tissues or Christian d'iore dress,
I don't need in-fact I don't want you to parade around in your underwear and booty shake for me in a video, I don't need for you to sing RnB.

I don't need for you to be an independent woman and I don't wanna be an independent man.

But if we can get along and laugh and talk and have sex and dream and laugh and talk and still like each other. Then maybe just maybe we can depend on each other.

I don't need for you to wear red lipstick or lip gloss or face dust, I like your face just fine as it is,
I don't need for you to paint your nails or to add fake ones i think they look kinda silly,
i don't need to see your cleavage or your thighs I'm still getting over your eyes and your smile and i don't
need any more distractions.

I don't need in fact i don't want you to sit a certain way or talk like this or walk like a supermodel, I don't need you to loose weight.

I do need stimulating conversation, its like dead perez said I need mind sex, I do need to laugh with you, I do need to dream with you, I do need to be able to be honest with you.

Maybe I'm getting old but I'm finding that when you get to know a woman vertically they can be incredibly interesting, inspiring creatures. Just watching you work, watching you think, watching you eat. Maybe I'm getting old but I cant be bothered to follow my dick around everywhere, I'm happy here and to be honest I just ain't got the energy.

Maybe I'm getting old but I feel like its okay to be vulnerable, to be upset, to admit I ain't the biggest, baddest, strongest man on the planet and sometimes I feel inadequate.

Maybe I'm getting old but I just don't need it any more

Yah know...

Akala - Peace Lyrics

Peace is on the way, Peace is on the way. By the sword they say.

After this, this last blow, last chop

Last drop

Peace is on the way

After this, this last scream, last shout, last trample of boot.

Just one more, one last rubble wreck where once were dreams housed,
Last plane, last flame, last sky.
Peace is on the way.

Just one more naked Vietnamese girl, Be she Russian, Israeli, Palestinian or Great Great, Great, Really Great British.

Just one more placard wielding warrior and this last sword-slinging gunman.

Just one more song of machine-gun metal hurtling Death to outrun life

Just one more war, Then we can have peace.

Then we can have peace.

Akala - Yours and My Children Lyrics

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Right here dangerous idea If we did this then we couldn't feel fear If there's no fear there's no control If there's no control someone's gotta let go They say I Shouldn't say too much they might delete me Realize I don't really care about tv Keep your awards your applause I'm easy All I can do in this life is just be me Pilger can say it so can Niomi Kline Its free speech for them that's fine Young black rapper should utter the same words Utterly absurd nutter insane nerd Even the fact I call myself 'black' Social conditioning and that's a fact The idea of races has no factual basis It was made just to serve racists To justify to doing to some what couldn't be done To others but they all are our sons Black or white all of our sons Muslim Christian all of our sons Look up in the sky that's all of our Sun Last time I checked we only had one So if some were superior

others inferior based on exterior
Well then surely the sun would know and fall in to line'
It would rain on your crops and not mine'
Air would prefer to inhabit your lungs'
Food would prefer the taste of your tongue'
If that's not the case then nature has declared
Despite what we say the worlds in fact fair
Chorus:

Kids in Iraq
Yours and my children
Kids in Iran
Yours and my children
Afghanistan
Yours and my children
Even Sudan
Yours and my children
Kids in brazil
Yours and my children
Kids in brazil
Yours and my children

Yours and my children
Police drive by the favela and just kill them
Right here dangerous idea
If we did this then we couldn't feel fear
If there's no fear there's no control

Akala - Find No Enemy Lyrics

Artist: Akala Album: Find No Enemy

Apparently I'm second generation black Caribbean And half white Scottish whatever that means See lately I feel confused with the boxes Cause to me all they do is breed conflict It's not that I've lost touch with the reality Racism, sexism and nationality Just to me it all seems like insanity Why must I rob you of your humanity To feel good about mine? It's all about crime Dehumanizing is how I justify it So I must keep on lying about the history of Africa So I can live the with massacres And repeat my mantra of Muslim and terrorist So I can sleep at night as bombs take flight Eyes wide but I'm blind to the sight Too busy chasing the perfect life And the working class keep them uneducated Truly educated men could never be racist To educate is to draw out what is within Are we not all not the same under the skin? I got a heart like yours that pumps blood and oxygen And insecurities are a whole lot of them I'm scared like you deep down I really do care that world is not fair like you But I don't even believe my own prayers like you Chasing career going nowhere like you Lost in a fog of my own insecurities I hold myself up as a image of purity And I judge everybody else By the color of their skin or the size of their wealth But it's not good for my health As the only one I ever really judge is myself The oppressor must suffer like the oppressed Though I pretend I'm in control of this mess By inflating my ego, puffing my chest I see my weakness, and need to show strength Or what we think strong is because if we're honest? True strength is the strength to be honest And if I'm honest I am just tired If I'm honest I am just tired Tired of everyday filling up my car and knowing that I'm paying for the bombs in Iraq Tired of pretending like it don't hurt my heart Of wanting change but not knowing where to start Tired of listening to all the conditioning

And all the forms they have me filling in Next time you see what is a thug and despise him Please know I was just like him Cause I was like eight the first time I saw crack Same time I first smoked weed choking on blowbacks First time I saw knifes penetrate flesh It was meat cleavers to the back of the head As I grew and teenage years passed Many more knifes pierced and the shots blast And I not saying I had the worst upbringing But there's a million young men just like me in prison We complain about racism and elevate clowns With their trousers down swinging their dicks round Maybe that is not quite literal But everything they do is just as stereotypical To my real fans I feel your pain And I get the messages, but don't complain That we ain't got more fame for paying our part They can keep the charts all I want is your hearts They can keep the charts all I want is your hearts They can keep the charts all I want is your hearts Calling it black radio, don't make laugh So is black music all about tits and arse? You don't represent nothing, you're just pretending When was the last time you ever played Hendrix? Or Miles Davis or John Coltrane?

When was the last time you ever played Hendri Or Miles Davis or John Coltrane? Or Ella Fitzgerald or Billie Holiday? We can call it urban to me that's cool If urban means street, that includes jazz too And rock for that matter

Go ask Mick Jagger or Jimmy Page what they were listening to - the blues Not discrediting, love Zeppelin too, just giving credit where credit is due That blood soaked word rappers still use

All it really shows is that we still self abuse
That was the word that was used to kill Kelso Cochrane and Emmett Till
That was the word that the conscience eased

And made people pleased to hung you from trees
That was the word that let the whips crack

No matter what you say you can't take it back

And I can say their black so I feel their pain easier
But 1915 look at Armenia

If the whole world is human stupidity

Though we choke ourselves to death quite literally And I can talk with my comfortable mouth

With my comfortable clothes and my comfortable house

The tables will turn, we can but stall them

Every empire on this earth has fallen

So unless we can find another way

Maybe not today, but it will come one day

It may sound like I'm bitter but in fact truth be told I am quite the opposite
I wake everyday and am overwhelmed
Just to be alive and be like no one else

And the sheer weight of the thought of space
Is enough to keep my little ego in place
All that we chase and try to replace all along it was right in our face
The only way we can ever change anything
Is to look in the mirror and find no enemy
The only way we can ever change anything
Look in the mirror and find no enemy

Akala - What Is Real (III Audio) Lyrics

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Will you you talk about being from the hood, like we're glad Wear it proud, like it's a badge

But I'll be damned if, when I'm a dad my kids don't have more than I had Please don't confuse your situation, with identity, it's not the same thing You were pharaohs and scholars, long before the day you were armed robbers, But, whatever, it's dumb to be clever, better to act like your brains been severed Like these Americans so called "artists" boasting about their latest garments But the same labels make it very clear, they don't make clothes for dark skin Can't you see they're laughing? The question that I'm asking.

Real, Is it real, really? Now is it real really?

Real,
Is it real, really? (Is it real really?)
I doubt it's real really.

Real, Is it real, really? (dolla dolla bill y'all) Now is it real really?

Real,
Is it real, really?
I doubt it's real really. (uh, get money)

Pop champagne cop your chain, act like you got no brain
Pop champagne cop your chain, act like you got no brain
Pop champagne cop your chain, act like you got no brain!
Come on let's pop champagne!
Come on let's pop champagne!

Sorry, if I don't dance enough for the radio to play my stuff,
And got no girls in the video playing the silly ho loco shakin' their butts
I thought that rap was about content, I see now that's just nonsense
We judge MC's by the Bentleys, and how much they can have no conscience
How many chains can you wear, and not care, the cost was a village somewhere,
Stones of begets, slowly forget, this ain't the first time there were chains on your neck,
It was much worse, choose to accept, but now vexed, just perplexed
Of course that's all us people do all day, is pop champagne and have sex!
Why am I lying, I can't stand it, Chip on my shoulders the size of a planet!
I organic on the mike and the flames I will fan it
To burn down the galaxy I'm up to the challenge
Burn down the fallacy, scorch it with talent

Burn down the anarchy, restore the balance
I am the war with New York to Paris
No fun now around me, I'm far too savage
Yeah, hittin with knowledge, 'cuz we import it, ignoramus
You're playin' the stereotype, so of course you're famous
If for just one second you took your head from out your anus
You would see the motivation for your elevation

What is real?
Is it how much you make in the dollar bills?
What is real?
Is it how many you say you're gonna kill?
What is real?
Or is it something that I can truly feel?
Please tell me, please tell me
What is real?

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Please tell me, please tell me, what is real?

Still, I got love for you, though it's very clear that you hate yourself, I'm just saying don't fall for the crap, being from the ghetto don't make you more black Also the fact: this is bigger than the color of your skin,

It's a matter that we're all in,

Dumber you act, the bigger the cheer,

The bigger the fool, the bigger career,

It's about playing a role, the educated can't be controlled

It's about playing a role, the educated can't be controlled

So by keeping yourself dumb, keeping yourself under the thumb

By keeping yourself dumb, keeping yourself under the thumb

(Feeding your face on the foods that are?) dumb, keeping yourself eating the crumbs, elevating some fool with a gun, keeping ourselves numb,

So we can fit in in a world where the price of life is less than the cost of living,

So we can fit in in a world where the price of life is less than the cost of living,

Have you forgotten what is real?
Close your eyes and don't believe that all you see is all you feel.

Couple tattoos, few bullet wounds? Silly songs? Illiterate tunes?

That tattoo may as well say coon, may as well grunt just like a baboon

That's what people see when they look at me, though they may applaud my stupidity

It's like sharks in a shark tank, watch them tear each other apart

Find the sharks entertaining, but that don't mean that we think they're smart,

Or are for that matter, you maybe call yourself a rapper,

Disrespect women, but, but you are the one who is a slapper,

You get paid to degrade yourself, publicly castrate yourself

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What is real?
Or is it something that I can truly feel?
Please tell me, please tell me, what is real?

What is real?
Is it how much you make in the dollar bills?
What is real?
Is it how many you say you're gonna kill?
What is real?
Or is it something that I can truly feel?
Please tell me, please tell me
What is real?

We all play our positions, convinced that we are so different,
Accept these doctrines, and this nonsense, and we take these options,
Without one second, never questioning just what the cost is,
You're not a hater, you can't relate to the lowest denominator, dominator!
No, I don't wanna read the Source, I'd rather read some of Plato's thoughts,
Of course, let us not ever forget, the place in which where he was taught,
So if it ain't clear, none of these clown rappers could be my peers,
It's philosophical, historical, speculations that I thought were rhetorical,
like what's real, is it my face if an atom is nothing but empty space?
Why the rock feel solid when I'm on it and a comet could collide with the Earth and dislodge it?
Or maybe sonnets, metaphoric, promises the tonic for all that (is chronic?)
Illness, apathy, ignorance tapestry that they weave to turn us into batteries.

What is real?
What is real?
What is real?
Please tell me, please tell me, please tell me
What is real?
Please tell me, please tell me, please tell me
What is real?

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Akala - It's Not That Serious Lyrics

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I know we only live our life based on what they think Cause we think it matters but I reckon If we didn't care for just one second We'd be much happier Realize your life is your's to live Tell your friends or your parents and what they think You want the whole thing Four kids and a good job a big house and guiet down And thats cool, stay in school. Go to uni with those like you If on the other hand you want to travel the world just to meditate Thats what you should do You don't need permission from the state line commission just to be who you are Follow your heart, follow your dreams like a kid again They want to write you off, with the end of the bitter pen, let them have it They'll come around eventually If not it wasn't meant to be Its their problem June or December, theres one small thing that I think we should remember

It's not that serious
Sometimes I want to fight
Sometimes I want to cry
But then I must remind myself
It's not that serious
We're gonna make it through
And find a better way
That works for me and you

If you don't conform, society whips you with its displeasure
If they were happy they wouldn't care
Whichever way that you chose, what you do with your time
Long as you ain't hurtin' no one, then thats fine
Problem is we hate to see another live the life that we dream
And I don't mean big screen and flashiness
Just free, carefree, true happiness
Wake everyday excited whats to come
Never work a minute when doing something you love
So when we judge, ask why, is it because we feel life passed us by
It's never too late to get rid of the stress
Theres a whole world out there
Just look up from your desk and say that the world is mine
And if you're not having a good time, then you're wasting your time

People think I'm really serious, right
And I was for a long time
I'm not gonna lie and pretend I wasn't
But, then I realize that sometimes you just got enough
I mean, I'm not as serious as people think
Yeah I like to talk about the issues in the world
But at the same time, we can't let them bog us down
Yes, the world is not perfect, we all know that
Its just not that serious

Take a bubble bath, or, I don't know, buy a pink dressing gown
Do something crazy that people wouldn't expect you to do
Let's drop these things called egos on the floor
Stamp on them, and try to get on with it, and realize that its justJust don't take yourself do god damn serious

Go to a comedy show, man

What about the problems in the world?

Things ain't golden
Yeah, I agree
But will worrying solve them?
No, I'm not saying ignore
By all means do something if you feel for a cause
But you can't feel poor enough
To enrich one single person on this planet
And you can't feel bad enough
To fill one single soul with happiness

So, the biggest challenge we face, is just keeping a smile on our face

If stock markets crash, or girlfriends leave you, people don't like what they see when they see you

Football teams lose, bands will split

But the thing we must remember is this
Its just not that serious

It really is not

Today walk up to somebody and talk to them find out how their day was

Don't worry if they think you're crazy- which they probably will

And you people in the train-

When you don't want no one peering over your shoulder to read your letter Stop taking yourself so god damned seriously

Its just your newspaper. If I want to read a bit of your newspaper, whats the problem? You should open it up, and let me have a good look

Yeah? Thank you

Ladies and gentlemen, this is Akala, not taking himself very seriously

And there are probably a lot of people that are angry about that and think I've gone crazy

"Why am I not screwing up my face? Why am I not trying to be the best grime MC?"

I'm trying to make nice relaxing songs

Whats my problem? I haven't got a problem, its just that I stopped taking myself so god damn seriously

Thats it. Have a good day